



THURSDAY, JULY 26, 1867.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

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THE GREAT STRIKE.

IT COMMENCES ON THE BALTIMORE AND  
OHIO, AND EXTENDS TO OTHER  
TRUNK LINES.

The Military Called Out—Baltimore at  
Baltimore and Pittsburgh  
Loss of Life.

A strike of the firemen and brakemen of the freight trains on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad took place on Monday of last week, to resist a reduction of wages. It commenced at Baltimore in the morning, and had extended at least as far as Martinsburg, West Virginia, in the evening. Considerable delay occurred at various points on the road, and at Martinsburg there was a complete stoppage of freight trains. Passenger trains were not interfered with.

The strike on the Baltimore and Ohio continued on Tuesday, and extended West to Wheeling on the main line, and also along the Parkersburg branch. A serious riot occurred at Martinsburg, West Virginia, in the morning. Several hundred strikers and their friends ran on a train which was about to leave the depot and cut the couplings of the cars. Shots were exchanged between the strikers and a company of militia on duty there, and two men were severely wounded.

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This thing will pass away, and law and good order will be restored. It will be well if we shall be able to look back upon it after the excitement are over and have nothing to regret. For this reason it behoves every citizen who has influence—and all have more or less—to use it for the calming of passion and the quieting of fear. The law-protecting powers infinitely exceed the law-breaking powers.

The Lancaster *Intelligence*, which has given the Pennsylvania railroad many hard blows, says:

"It is time now to consider the conduct of the railroad and wages which the employees may against the railroad companies. The issue which has been presented in an unusual and singular manner has become a conflict between the lawlessness, on the part of the railroads, and the property, the rights of all classes of citizens." This view will strike every reflecting man as the correct one. Law must prevail that the country may live.

The *Baltimore Gazette*, in its Sunday edition, very properly remarks that "this is peculiarly a time when all means should be employed to avert excitement and passion. First, too, should be banished, and such should not act upon reason and not upon peace or prejudice.

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Three hundred United States troops arrived at Martinsburg on Wednesday morning. Their presence in the town had a wholesome effect on the strikers, and it soon became known to the engines that all the trains that now block the track might have been overcome without hindrance. The strikers were dispersed by the troops but one side for law abiding citizens and the press. This is in reality sympathetic, and will effectually suppress the riot which has been above the sooner and more summarily this is done the better for all concerned."

According to *McFer's Times*, "the country is gathering in bitterness the logical results of the unhealthy inflation of years of war," and it continues:

"As has been the culmination as usual, so will it be in this case, the distress, and it will end as have all such eruptions of turbulence, however circumstantially devised or formally supported, the result of the same will be the same, the law will be broken, and when strikers into riot, they become the plotters, of every man, and labor is degraded by their very acts of wantonness."

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Governor Matthews was at the Graff House, Graffton, West Virginia, where it was expected they would be needed to quell an insurrection in that state. In

the mean time, the governor, accompanied by the strikers that are trying to return to work, and were standing on the platform of the

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city is in a state of excitement over the news from Martinsburg about the strike and that a party later informed state that the strikers had extended west to Graffton and some apprehension is expressed of trouble at this point. At 2 P.M. this afternoon the Matthews Light Guards of the West Virginia militia, accompanied by the governor, gave a special train for the use of all the strikers.

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At Graffton the strikers cut the rails and connecting hand of all the freight engines, unfastening them for use. Men were also violently removed from the cars of human ventures, and the most disastrous results.

It can open no new channels of industry, and it can open no new outlets for our products. It cannot triumph here, or at any

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